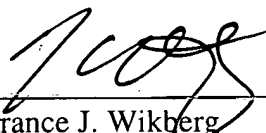


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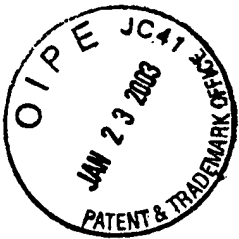
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A multi axis fiber optic ribbon, comprising:

a central portion; and

a plurality of removable extensions bonded to and extending from said central portion, at least one of said extensions containing at least one optical fiber;

wherein at least one of said extensions extends from said central portion along an axis different from at least one other extension.